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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I am in acknowledgment of your letter of 7 September and of the materials forwarded separately. Thank you very much for your efforts on behalf of the War College.

In not longer than a month we plan to return those items which you sent on a loan basis. There are a few items marked by you for retention which we also will return inasmuch as we already possess copies.

I note with considerable interest your statement that you will try to interest the Army in doing something on communications in the Persian Gulf area. Whatever may be accomplished will be most helpful to us.

The JANIS reports you describe are already in our Archives.

The reference to the "Third Agency Rule" is most interesting and baffling as well. Could you give a little of the background in this matter? I had thought that all three Services were working together. Perhaps the President of the Naval War College will see fit to approach CNO in the matter.

We hold ONI 66, 69 and 71. We will make an attempt to get the R&A publications from the State Department. If unsuccessful, we will then take advantage of your offer to let us have them on a loan basis. We do have the British Geographical Handbook on Iceland.

Today's mail brought the "Annual Economic Review - Iceland, 1947." Thank you very much for it.

Admiral Brown recently (this week) saw a "blue bound book on Russia," which he believed to be entitled "Strategic Survey of Russia." I judge that he is referring to C.I.A.'s "Strategic Intelligence Digest" - Vols I, II and III, which we hold. Will you please let me know whether there is another book which he could have seen?

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Kindly extend my greetings to [REDACTED] and again accept my thanks for your kindness in coming to our assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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